

State/Cnty CUT, SALVAGE, AND SEIZED PRODUCTS

Cut Products

The sale of cut forest products are subject to the same guidelines and approvals, as stumpage sales with the following exceptions:

1. Timber Sale Description, (Items 1-14) on Form 2460-1 is not required;
2. Use of a performance bond for cut or seized products is at the discretion of the property superintendent. The decision should be guided by the contract provisions and potential for damages.

Approval requirements should be based on cut product value and not on their stumpage value. Appraised value should be established by comparison to other transactions in the area of similar quality cut products. Full payment in advance must be obtained from the buyer before any cut products are removed.

State Salvage

Section 26.22, Wis. Stats., grants the Department authority to sell wind and fire damaged timber on state park or state forest lands in the method and upon such terms and conditions it deems in the best interest of the state. This includes the sale of timber on a Forest Products Permit (Form 2460-8), the sale of timber without advertisement or competitive bidding if warranted, or the timber may be included on an ongoing sale.

A significant potential loss of timber value could warrant use of this modified procedure. It should be noted that this exemption procedure does not apply to salvage sales caused by such agents as insects, disease, flooding or hail. Only wind and fire damage is specified in the statute.

Adjustment of stumpage values may be necessary when existing sale areas are damaged by wind or fire before the sale is completed. Fill out a new stumpage appraisal for the damaged timber. Compare the new factor with the old. Adjust current stumpage values proportional to the change in appraisal factors.

Seized Products

Seized material may be sold pursuant to section 26.06, Wis. Stats. Products appraised at more than \$500 shall be advertised and sold on sealed bids after a Class 1 legal notice.